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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

Administrative Action

ANNMARIE LUBITZ

TO PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR IN THE STATE NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Lubitz's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. Ms. Lubitz disclosed in her application that she had worked as a counselor in a for-profit setting at Caring Family Community Services, in Manalapan, New Jersey under the supervision of James S. William, LCSW. Ms. Lubitz submitted documentation of supervised counseling experience admitting that from September 2007 through January

2008 she performed ninety-four (94) hours of counseling services at Caring Family Community Services. Ms. Lubitz also disclosed in her application that she had worked as a counselor in another for-profit setting at Camp Excel, in Toms River, New Jersey under the supervision of Kathleen M. Cable, LPC. Ms. Lubitz submitted documentation of supervised counseling experience admitting that from June 2006 through August 2007 she performed three hundred eighty seven (387) hours of counseling services at Camp Excel. Ms. Lubitz was first licensed as an Associate Counselor on February 1, 2008.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee that the applicant engaged in the unlicensed practice of professional and/or associate counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a), by engaging in the practice of associate or professional counseling prior to issuance of any license entitling her to provide such services in a forprofit setting in New Jersey.

It appearing that the applicant desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS THE DAY OF Johnson, 2009 ORDERED:

- 1. Respondent shall be precluded from engaging in any independent or private practice unless and until the Committee issues her a license to practice professional counseling.
- 2. Respondent shall cease and desist engaging in associate counseling unless and until she is supervised by a qualified supervisor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:34-13.1.

- 3. None of the supervised hours performed by respondent in any for-profit setting, prior to licensure as an associate counselor, shall count toward the mandatory hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a Professional Counselor.
- 4. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). Provided that respondent complies with the terms of the within Consent Order, the civil penalty shall be stayed.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

J. Barry Mascarti, Ed.D., LPC

President

I have read the above Order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.

AnnMarie Lubitz

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